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April 02, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

34 April 2, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE WILLOWBROOK AREA ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WILLOWBROOK (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to find the Willowbrook Area Access Improvements project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to pursue the allocation of grant funds for the project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that Willowbrook Area Access Improvements project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to pursue the allocation of grant funds for the Willowbrook Area Access Improvements project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the project is to enhance access in the Willowbrook area in the vicinity of the Martin Luther King Medical Center. The proposed project consists of streetscape improvements, including new sidewalk, roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, decorative crosswalks, median and parkway landscape improvements, raised roadway medians, parkway tree planting, new or replacement bus shelters and site furnishings, pedestrian lighting, a monument sign, and way-finding signage.

The limits of the project area are as follows:

Wilmington Avenue from Imperial Highway to 120th Street
Willowbrook Avenue from 105 Freeway to 119th Street
119th Street from Wilmington Avenue to Willowbrook Avenue
120th Street from Compton Avenue to Wilmington Avenue

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board on November 17, 1987, we request you find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This finding is necessary for Public Works to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The Notice of Exemption is required in order to request the allocation of the grant funds from the California Transportation Commission.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will enrich the lives of the County of Los Angeles residents by enhancing access in the Willowbrook area with streetscape improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,679,000. A portion of the project cost will be reimbursed with a \$3,400,000 grant obtained under the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's 2009 Call for Projects. Financing for this project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Measure R Local Return Fund Budgets. Funds to finance the project's future years' costs will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation 1 is in accordance with CEQA and is required prior to filing the Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk. The Notice of Exemption is required in order to request the allocation of the grant funds from the California Transportation Commission. Public Works will return to the Board to adopt and advertise the project for construction.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and (h), 15302(b), 15303(e), and 15304(b) of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(j); Class 1(x), Subsections 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, and 22; Class 2(a); Class 3(b); and Class 4(c) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for maintenance and minor alterations to existing landscaping; parkway tree planting; median beautification; installation of sprinkler systems; reconstruction of existing roadway pavement, curbs, gutters, sidewalk, drive aprons, and drainage structures in place, including the removal of those trees that are the cause of the damage; sidewalk construction; new street drainage facilities; new highway channelization including raised islands; maintenance of existing roadway

facilities; replacement and reconstruction of structures; construction of new accessory (appurtenant) structures; and new landscaping.

Upon the Board's finding of exemption for the project, Public Works will file the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and pay the required filing and processing fees with the Registrar- Recorder/County Clerk in the amount of \$75.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division. If you have any questions, please contact Inez Yeung at (626) 458-5199 or iyeung@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office